

CONCISE SUMMARY OF ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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Specific Legal Authority authorizing the promulgation of
Rule: MS Law 41-59-5

Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the
Temporary Rule:

The Mississippi EMS Laws, Rules and Regulations

An Economic Impact Statement is required for this proposed rule by Section 25-43-3.105 of the Administrative Procedures Law. This is a Concise Summary of the Economic Impact Statement which must be filed with the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption in the Secretary of State's Office. The full text of the Economic Impact Statement may be obtained from the agency contact person at the above address.

Persons may present their views by submitting written comments on the proposed rule adoption to the agency contact person at the above address. Additional information on where, when and how persons may present their views or demand an oral proceeding on the proposed rule are included in the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption to which this is attached.

a. **Description of the need for and the benefits of the proposed rule:** This has a projected savings to Advanced Life Support EMTs of \$170,000 and to Basic Life Support EMTs of \$70,000 annually for required re-certification training. This will reduce financial burden on EMTs to remain in the Mississippi pre-hospital system.

b. **Cost estimate to the agency and other state or local government entities:** There is no significant cost to the agency or program..

c. **Estimate of the cost or economic benefit to all persons:** This has a projected loss of revenue to EMT Advanced Life Support and EMT Basic Life Support Programs throughout the state of \$250,000. Additionally, this rule will shift the savings to the 3,000 EMTs (\$250 per advanced EMT and \$120 per basic EMT) whom are currently required to take the mandated training.

d. **Analysis of the impact on small business:** This has a projected loss of revenue to EMT Advanced Life Support and EMT Basic Life Support Programs throughout the state of \$250,000 annually.

e. **Comparison of the costs and benefits of the proposed rule to the probable costs and benefits of not adopting the rule:** The EMS community is experiencing a shortage of EMTs nationwide. With the passage of this rule, individual EMTs will better able to stay in the system through minor cost savings. They will have the option of paying \$110 to challenge the National Registry Test for paramedics and \$70 for EMT Basics. Should they not pass the exam on first attempt, it is required under the rule change to take 72 hours of continuing education (acost of up to \$100 for an 8 hour class). By not passing this rule, community college EMS programs will not take a substantial loss of revenue and will be better able to continue providing this service.

f. **Determination as to whether less costly or less intrusive methods exist to achieve the purpose of the rule:** EMTs will still be required to attend a number of continuing education hours that can be provided by the schools to offset the loss of revenue.

g. **Description of reasonable alternative methods and reasons for rejection of the alternative methods:** N/A

f. Data and methodology in making the estimates in the economic impact statement: The Mississippi Emergency Medical Services Information System tracks all current EMTs in the state by level. The Bureau of EMS tracks all refresher programs in the state. Average individual cost was calculated based on the average number of EMTs re-certifying each year.

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Proposed Effective Date of Rule: May 8, 2009



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